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A YES vote will prohibit marijuana stores in the City of Santa Barbara.

A YES vote means that the City of Santa Barbara will join a growing list of 193 cities and 9 counties in the State who have banned marijuana stores.

A YES vote banning marijuana stores will protect youth and other vulnerable segments of our community from the problem of having stores selling marijuana in the city to those as young as 18 years old. Allowing such stores sends the wrong message to our young people about access to gateway drugs like marijuana.

A YES vote will promote Santa Barbara's world-wide image as an attractive and welcoming place to visit. We do not want Santa Barbara to be known as the pot shop capital of the Central Coast, as it is described in marijuana community literature.

A YES vote will help prevent the retail "sale" of medical marijuana, which is prohibited under state law.

A YES vote banning marijuana stores in Santa Barbara is supported by our medical and educational communities, all law enforcement officials, parents, non-profit outreach groups, and business and civic leaders including three members of the City Council.

A YES vote will not deny seriously ill patients from access to medical marijuana. State law allows patients and their care givers to grow and use marijuana, and non-profit collectives made up of patients and care givers to grow and share marijuana with their patient members. As reported by Police Captain Martel in the July 4, 2010 News Press, such collectives legally exist in Santa Barbara.

Please vote YES on November 2 to ban marijuana stores in Santa Barbara.

YES TO BAN MARIJUANA STORES IN SANTA BARBARA Committee

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